

A TRAGIC AFFAIR.

A NEGRO SHOOTS HIS WIFE, THEN TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Two Sudden Deaths-The Entire Fruit Crop of the Southwest Reported Destroyed.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 13.—News was received here to-day from Bedford county of a probable double tragedy near Big Island yesterday. A colored man named Charles Wright, who lived on the mountain some distance from any neighbors, became angry with his wife, and grabbing her by the hair, struck her so hard that she fell out of a window. After releasing the girl he discharged it at his own head. The man and the woman were found dead in the house. It is not known whether either can live, as the woman received a terrible wound and the man almost blew the top off his head. The cause of the tragedy is not known. Wright was thought to be the victim of his wife's neighbors.

REPUBLICAN INDEPENDENTS.

It is now definitely settled that the Republicans will not support the candidates for the municipal offices here in the approaching election. They say they will not have any candidates for the mayorship or for any other office.

Hugh H. Jones, one of the oldest residents of the city, died last night, aged seventy-one.

A colored man named Edward Jones, suddenly struck at work here this afternoon, while engaged in work here, was brought to the hospital. The sum of the value of \$100 was bought at the hospital yesterday to be shipped away.

A FIRE ENTERTAINMENT.

A branch meeting of capitalists have bound a large body of land along the Narrows of Carving creek, in Carrick's Cove, Botetourt county, and propose to erect a large dam which will be used for power purposes, and will stock it with fish, which they will raise for sale.

The eastern fruit crop in Southwest Virginia is still in the hands of authority to have been killed by the late frost. It is estimated that four-tenths above \$100,000 from this cause.

The morning mail at Iron Gate will start to work to-morrow.

BUILD THE BRIDGE.

The Opponents Yield and a Compromise is Agreed Upon.

Special telegram to the Dispatch.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 13.—The Rev. Andrew J. Willis, rector of the Episcopal church of King George, has resolved to give up his parish, which he has pastored for nearly ten years, and go to Prince George county, Md., which he is holding under consideration.

J. L. Campbell, Sons and Brothers of Confederate Veterans, will meet at Old Fields Hall to-morrow night to perfect their plans and arrangements for the annual reunion, the opening of Leek's station on the 14th instant. A large number of Confederate veterans and citizens generally have also signed their intentions to attend.

If the foregoing is agreed to, the induction will be held at the hall on the 14th, and the meeting of the Circuit Court of Frederick, each party to send out their delegations.

John D. Clegg, J. N. Canfield, and F. Wheeler, Commissioners-General of the Fair, were appointed to the post of brigadier-generals. These latter appointments were made at the instance of Brigadier-General H. Snyder some months since appointed his final offices.

NEARLY SUCCOATED.

A Whole Family Rescued from Death with Difficulty Only.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 13.—The building containing W. R. Dye's wholesale shoe store was burned this morning. The Berry family, living over the store, were suffocated by the smoke and were rescued with great difficulty. The loss is \$500.

INTERFERED WITH THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., May 13.—At their meeting to day the stockholders of the West Virginia and Pittsburgh railroad company, voted to increase the dividend on the tobacco tax comes along in half of the tariff bill, and the recognition of half of the bill by the House.

Colonel O'Farrell gave an amendment to reduce the tax on smoking and chewing tobacco only one half.

This is the way the Republicans are taking care of the children.

POSTALS AND LETTERS.

SOUTHERN METHODIST CONFERENCE Reports of Various Committees Submitted and Approved.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, May 13.—In the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to-day Deacon W. Walker, president of the Faize Institute at Augusta, Ga., submitted a report.

The institute is for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The session to be held at the Faize Institute is the greatest one since the school was established. Thirty-five young men are preparing for the ministry and twenty-four for the business world.

George W. E. Price, president of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, made a report.

The Committee on Education of the Faize Institute recommended that the school be opened for the fall.

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